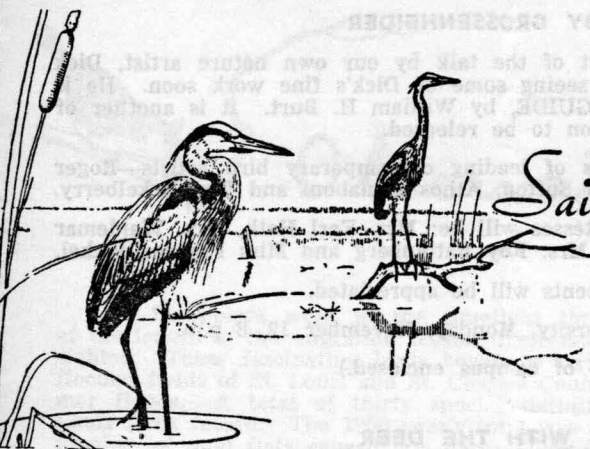




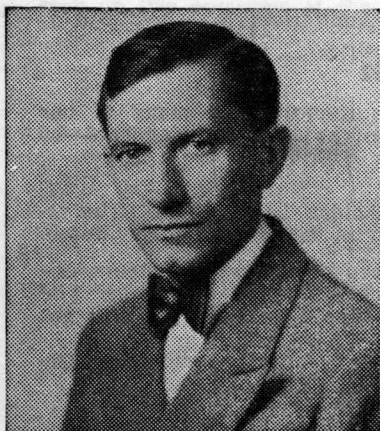
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AUDUBON CONSERVATION AWARD TO GEORGE E. MOORE



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On Thursday, November 29, the 1951 Audubon Conservation Citation will be presented to George E. Moore. This is an annual award to recognize outstanding work in conservation. Mr. Moore is currently Park Naturalist at Rockwood Reservation, a 3000 acre game refuge and demonstration area in St. Louis County near Glencoe.

Both the wildlife exhibit in the museum and the outdoor live animal exhibit rapidly tell the story of conservation. At the Reservation, at public and private schools, at clubs, fairs and other gatherings, the illustrated lectures of George and Polly Moore have promoted the cause of conservation by interesting and encouraging thousands of people of all ages.

Previous recipients have included: Sterling P. Jones, Edward K. Love, Wayne Short, Luther Ely Smith, Leonard Hall, and Dr. Robert J. Terry.

The program feature of the evening will be a colorful and exciting film, "Our National Parks" by LEONARD HALL. (The Halls will be touring the West Coast and Pacific Northwest with this Screen Tour program.) SOLDAN HIGH SCHOOL.

STEERING COMMITTEE

A new and very efficient group has been selected to assist Syd Heckler in handling the details of the St. Louis Audubon Society. Syd will be away from St. Louis part of the time as Assistant Director of Screen Tours for the National Audubon Society. Committee members are: Mrs. William G. Bowling, Promotion and Membership; Mrs. Marshall Magner, Special Committees; Robert Hecht, Service; and James Egan, Records and Filing.

All St. Louis phone calls should be directed to Robert Hecht—MO 5752.

TALK BY GROSSENHEIDER

BIRD ART TODAY is the subject of the talk by our own nature artist, Dick Grossenheider. We shall be seeing some of Dick's fine work soon. He is the artist for the **MAMMAL GUIDE**, by William H. Burt. It is another of the Peterson series guides soon to be released.

ART EXHIBIT will include works of leading contemporary bird artists—Roger Tory Peterson, George Miksch Sutton, Athos Menaboni and Don Eckelberry.

Tea will be served. The hostesses will be: Mrs. Earl Hath, Mrs. Waldemar Palm, Mrs. Edgar Rombauer, Mrs. Roy Battenberg and Miss Frances Pickel.

Contributions toward refreshments will be appreciated.

Student Center, Washington University, Monday, November 12, 8 p.m.

(See map of campus enclosed.)

I LIVE WITH THE DEER

Colored movie and talk, November 19, by Les Blacklock of Minneapolis. This film contains action shots of not only deer, but beaver, moose, pheasants, woodpeckers, great blue heron, short-tail grouse, various ducks, chipmunk, porcupine, etc.

3rd BAPTIST CHURCH — lower Auditorium

SCREEN TOURS 1951-52

DATES ON BACK OF MEMBERSHIP CARDS. As requested by many of our members, we now have printed the dates right on the back of your card—so don't forget.

AUDITORIUM for the first two programs will be Soldan High School. The remainder of the Screen Tours will be held as formerly in the Third Baptist Church.

BRING THREE GUESTS—Membership cards have been printed with numbers, one through eight. These cards will be punched for each admission. Remember, you can bring a guest three times, or three guests one time. We hope you will get an extra card and bring more guests.

Season dues for Screen Tour membership are \$3.00. Sponsor's membership, (including reserved seat), \$6.00

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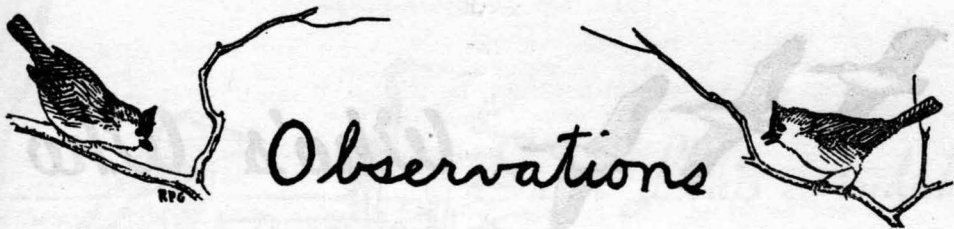
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MARSHALL MAGNER,

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St. Louis and Environs

Participation in the nation-wide Audubon count of winter birds. For details phone: WE 0265-W.



Shorebirds were in the limelight throughout the Fall season because of the length of the migration season, their numbers, and the number of rarities sighted. These fascinating birds began to arrive before mid-July to occupy the flooded fields of St. Louis and St. Charles Counties caused by the disastrous summer floods. A total of thirty species definitely identified this fall set a St. Louis Area record. The 1950 year's total was 29 species. No doubt, the greater number of mud flats caused our unprecedented shorebirding luck. In the spotlight were Avocets to the amazing total of 12. Records show three as the highest previous total. At the Taussig mud flats in St. Charles County nine of these colorful birds were found on September 21, and were seen there in various numbers by many eager seekers on five successive weekends. Two of these in St. Charles County and one in Illinois, near the Chain of Rocks Bridge, gave us our total of twelve. One of the rarest species, based on past records, was the Knot seen on two occasions at the Taussig flats. Other rare shorebirds recorded besides the Knots and Avocets were Marbled Godwits, Piping Plover, Turnstone, Willet, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Sanderling and Northern and Wilson's Phalaropes.

Exceptionally common were the Least and Western Sandpiper. The latter was considered quite rare in past years. There appears to be a definite trend toward a better distribution of shorebird species in our area. Perhaps, better equipment in the way of glasses and scopes and more activity afield among a greater number of birders are a contributing cause toward our better and bigger bird lists. Several species previously listed as rare are now found with comparative ease. Some of these are: Red-backed, Baird's and Western Sandpipers, Dowitcher, Sanderling and Wilson's Phalarope. The White-rumped reverted to its old category this fall judging from the difficulty experienced in listing it.

Three Pelicans shared a St. Charles County mud flat with ducks, shorebirds and a Duck Hawk. These huge birds remained several days feeding on stranded fish. They spent their resting hours on the waters of the Marais Temps Clair marshes nearby. The many stranded fish kept a large number of Caspian Terns in our area for many weeks past their departure dates. The big terns became so gorged on an easy meal they spent a lot of time resting or sleeping at the water's edge.

The August A. Busch Wildlife Management and Experimental Area at Weldon Springs is attracting nesting birds in greater numbers each season. Among the rarer nesting species likely to be located there are: Horned Owls, Bell's Vireos, Prairie and Cerulean Warbler's, Bachman's Sparrows and Blue Grosbeaks. A usual rare winter visitant is the Harris' Sparrow. A surprising find also was a brood of Ruddy Ducklings. An extremely rare Purple Gallinule found injured in the City of St. Charles was released recently at the Area, as were several Barn Owls contributed by Mr. George Moore, resident naturalist at Rockhill Reservation.

More Duck Hawks than anyone can recall were seen during migration by those active afield. They were following shorebirds and often rested on the mud flats. Good shorebirding promises to extend well into November.



Who's Who

Other Committees at Work

MEMBERSHIP—Chairman, Mildred Reese, Gertrude Drury, Helen Hanke, Ethel Heuser, Viola Holliday, Mrs. Wayne Keller, Ethel Rychlicki, Ethel Von Hahn, Lois and Camille Wamhoff, Alma Wilder.

DOOR COMMITTEE—John McGuire, Lee Bower, Marvin Cytron, Lester Newman, Gordon Price.

PUBLICITY—Mrs. E. Oscar Thalinger.

These are not the only ones who are contributing their time and effort in behalf of the Audubon Society's nature and conservation program. Others will be mentioned, from time to time.

FOR THE BIRDS! Hattie Ettinger, our secretary and assistant to Mr. Vierheller, is now Mrs. William Conway. Mr. Conway is Curator of Birds at St. Louis Zoo.

Ed Lebeau Jr. sends announcement of his wedding in September to a gal in New Orleans.

Larry Burns represented St. Louis at the Audubon Camp in Maine, as the recipient of the 1951 Camp Scholarship.

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